Complaint Against Pepsi and Lays Chips

1254. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Health Authorities in Saugrur, Punjab has lodged a complaint against Pepsi Company India on 3rd January, 2006;

(b) whether it is also a fact that laboratory test of Frito Lays Chips found carbon particles and declared it unfit for human consumptions; and

(c) if so, the action being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) The Local Health Authority of Sangrur, Punjab has lodged a complaint against Pepsico India Pvt. Ltd. (Frito-Lay-Division) Vill, Channo, District Sangrur on 23-12-2005.

(b) As per the report received from the Govt. of Punjab, it is a fact that the contents of the sample of Frito Lay Chips contained black specks (Carbon Particles). Hence the sample was found adulterated and unfit for human consumption by the Public Analyst, Punjab.

(c) A case has been lodged in the court of law under PFA Act, 1954, against Pepsico India Pvt. Ltd.

Strike of CGHS Medicine Suppliers

1255. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi chemists supplying indented medicines to the Central Government Health Scheme again went on strike in November, 2005;

(b) if so, the duration of the said strike with the reason therefore;

(c) how often the chemists went on strike during 2005 and the duration of each strike;

(d) whether Government are aware that such strikes cause extreme inconvenience and hardship to the CGHS beneficiaries, particularly low paid pensioners; and

(e) the steps proposed by Government to put an end to this situation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) and (b) The authorized local chemists

of CGHS Delhi had gone on strike during the period 25.11.2005 to 8.12.2005.

The reasons for the strike cited by the authorized local chemists was late payment of their bills by the CGHS Directorate.

(c) The number of times authorized local chemists had gone on strike during 2005 are as under:-

(1) 17.02.2005 to 28.2.2005

(2) 25.11.2005 to 8.12.2005

(3) 25.03.2005 to 18.4.2005

(d) and (e) Adequate quantity of medicines are available in CGHS dispensaries. However, when the authorized chemists are on strike, any drug prescribed by the specialists are not available in the dispensary, the CGHS beneficiaries including pensioner beneficiaries are permitted to purchase such medicines from the open market for which reimbursement is made by the Government.

Adequate funds have been allocated for clearing the pending bills of the Authorized local chemists to avoid such situation.

Registered Nursing Institutions in Uttaranchal

1256. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of registered nursing institutions, both Government and private, approved by the Indian Nursing Council and the number of such institutions in Uttaranchal;

(b) whether the Council has prescribed any guidelines for the approval of such institutions and whether any such instances have been reported to the irregular approval of those institutions; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government on this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) There are 1328 registered Nursing Institutions approved by Indian Nursing Council (INC) as on 31st March 2005 out of which 979 are for General Nursing & Midwifery (GNM) course and 349 for the B. Sc. (Nursing) course. Out of 979 General Nursing & Midwifery (GNM) course